GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3090
ANSWERED ON:16.03.2001
CULTIVATION OF OPIUM
LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total production of opium in the country during the year 1999-2000;

(b) the total area under opium cultivation in Mandsaur, Neemuch and Ratlam Districts of Madhya Pradesh during the year 1999-2000;

(c) whether the Government have entered into any contract with some countries in regard to export of opium;

(d) if so, the details in this regard; and

(e) the quantity of opium exported as per the contract during the above year?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) The total production of opium during the crop year 1999-2000 is 1709.340 Metric Tonnes at 70 degree consistency.

(b) The area under opium poppy cultivation during the crop year 1999-2000 is as follows: -

District	Area under poppy cultivation (in Hectares)
Neemuch	3741
Mandsaur	6476
Ratlam	967
Total	11184

(c), (d) & (e) The Chief Controller of Factories, Government Opium and Alkaloid Works has entered into contract with some foreign companies for export of opium. The details are annexed.

Annexure

STATEMENT SHOWING FIRM-WISE CONTRACTS AND EXPORTS OF OPIUM (INCLUDING IMO POWDER AND LIQUID FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1999-2000

(QTY. IN MTS.)

SL.NO.	FIRM/COUNTRY	CONTRACTED	EXPORTED
1	Mallinckrodt Inc. USA	380.380	345.800
2.	Noramco of Delaware Inc, USA	150.000	150.000
3.	Tomen Corporation, Japan	142.000	142.000
4.	Francopia France	11.000	11.000

5. E Merk KgaA, Germany	01.000	01.000
Total	684.380	649.800

The exported quantity shown against Mallinckrodt is less than the contracted quantity, as the balance quantity was exported during the first quarter of the next financial year i.e. 2000-2001.